

Social Life in West Point

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WEST POINT, VA., February 23.—Miss Lucille Bland entertained a number of friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bland, this week, celebrating her birthday.

Misses Mary L. and Brooke Carr were the hostesses at a beautiful Valentine entertainment. Broken hearts were mended, while others were matched and pierced. The decorations were red and white ribbons, hearts and Cupids. Quotations were guessed for which Misses Bland and Mollie Farinholt were the prize-winners. Miss Marceline Vaughn won the prize for piercing the heart nearest the center.

Another elegant party was given at Plain View by Misses Crystal Leigh and Bland. The decorations were in pink and white, the refreshments delicious and abundant and the entertainment progressive. Misses Mary L. Carr and Mollie Farinholt were the prize-winners.

There has been a heavy fall of snow in the last few days throughout this section and ice in plenty. The farmers have filled their ice-houses and are already enjoying the prospect of frozen delicacies next summer.

Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, met Monday night in regular meeting. Messrs. Harry Wyatt and Willie Roberts were elected active firemen, and Mr. R. B. Edwards was elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. Walter Fleet, second assistant chief.

The Oldsmobile wagonette, the property of the West Point Traction Company, arrived from New York the first of the week, and has proved a source of entertainment to the small boy ever since. It seats twelve comfortably and has a leather top.

Mr. P. B. Shelton and Company have purchased a vacant lot in the heart of the business section of the town, and are having material put in place for the erection of two handsome office buildings, to be built at once.

The supper advertised to be had at Mrs. W. H. Bell's on Wednesday night was postponed until Friday night. The supper was given by the ladies of the Baptist Church for the purpose of raising funds for a concrete pavement in front of the church and parsonage.

Mrs. John G. Dew, of Richmond, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Fauntleroy, at "Marlatta," the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ware, of Gloucester Courthouse, are visiting Mrs. Ware's mother, Mrs. B. W. Hudson, in West Point. Miss Frances Hudson has returned from a charming visit to friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Lucille Tunstall, who is a student in the West Point High School, visited her home, at Tunstalls, this week.

The West Point High School is celebrating Washington's Birthday by giving a day and a half. The steam heating arrangements in the school building announced a holiday by "going out" on the 21st at noon.

Miss Lily Johnson, one of the teachers, spent her holiday in Richmond.

Mrs. Thomas P. Bagby spent Friday and Saturday in Richmond, the guest of Mrs. A. L. Stratford and Miss Della Wilson, and also paid a delightful visit to the Baptist mission at New Market.

Mrs. A. Julian Bagby has returned from her visit to Baltimore.

Miss Olive Bagby, president of the Teachers' Association at Stevensville, King and Queen, is expected at Centerville in the near future to organize a teachers' association for the low district of King and Queen counties.

Mr. R. H. Bagby, of this section, now of Portsmouth, has been on a visit to Little Rock, Ark., in the interest of the Jamestown Exposition. He hopes to get an appropriation of \$25,000 from that State.

Mr. Ned Bland, wife and son spent Friday in Richmond.

Mr. Roosevelt at Work.
I saw him again a few days later for an hour or so in the executive wing of the White House—an hour of comparative and accidental slackness in the business portion of the day. But his private secretary came in often enough with affairs that needed attention to give me a glimpse of him in his working moments. A word or two of terse inquiry, a swift, devouring glance through documents, and then in a flash the decision, "Let's get it done, a problem solved." It seemed as if the machinery, automatic, unconscious process, a capacity that by long use had become an instinct. He was quite staggeringly outspoken that morning.

All Europe at the time was ringing with his curt dismissal of one of his ambassadors at a great Continental capital, an incident of which a good deal has been heard in the last week or two. And which is not yet by any means forgotten. He explained to me that Mr. Lawrence, a usual, wandering journalist—custom, a part of the case and why he had.

On the dished to act as he had secured the evidence connected with the case, who had handed it over to me, who, I thought, you to look through it, and, and.

He spoke openly of his future program, mentioning among other things that he intended proposing an inheritance tax and filling the first cabinet vacancy by appointing a Jew. Both intentions he has since fulfilled. He not only denounced a whole number of people. Most of them were senators. Some were the sensational journalists whom he was soon to christen "the muck-rakers" and some were the people who could not see that expediency is the essence of politics.

And lastly he began discussing himself. A paper had complained because he was not a genius. "Now I am not a genius," he said, and then, "By the by, was it you or was it some other Englishman who said that a pork butcher could understand me?" My memory ran over all the indignities I had been guilty of and finally lighted on some such dictum. I owned up. "Because," said the President, "I want to tell you you were absolutely right."

—Sidney Brooks in the Reader.

OLD-TIME CORNBREAD.
True Article Can Be Made Only of Meal Ground in Old Way.

The best cornmeal in the world is made in Tennessee, where the output is limited and not much of it reaches the market where it is sold. Says the Nashville (Tenn.) American: "The steam burrstone has driven the water mill almost into desuetude, only to be in turn crowded out by the modern roller mill. The ancient water mill still lingers in remote sections and mountain fastnesses where clear waters flow through rocky channels in sylvan shades."

More than one of these ideal mills may be found on Picking Creek in Silver county, under the shadows of the big Smoky and near unto Sugarland region, where the untaxed juice of the corn flows from modest waterfalls. There are many such mills in the thick region, in various sections of Middle Tennessee, where the withering blight of modern civilization, with its canned goods and packing-house meats, has not yet penetrated, and where the watermill still listens to the watermill.

New Window Shades.

Let us estimate on new Shades for you this week. You need them this spring, and we can do the work quicker this month than when the rush begins later on.

New Spring Suits for Women.

Easter is but a few weeks off, and we are ready for it in the Suit section. Tailoring of a high class—skirts cut full—Everything in connection with the making of the Suits indicating carefulness in attention to detail. The prices are as attractive as the qualities and styles.

Handsome Eton Suits for

Misses and Small Women, \$16.50

Panamas, in navy blue and fancy stripes of gray and white and tan and white.

Coat lined with satin, plaited and trimmed with taffeta silk and silk braid; plaited and stitched skirt.

Women's and Misses'

Plaid Panama Suits, \$24.50

Plaids of tan and light gray—Very handsome Suits; Eton Coat lined with white taffeta and trimmed with taffeta and silk braid; plaits over front, back and shoulders, piped with taffeta; box plaited skirt.

Eton Suits of Panama, \$21.50

Handsome effects in light gray; taffeta lined coat, plaited, trimmed with taffeta and fancy silk trimmings; plaited and stitched skirt.

Tight-Fitting Suits of

Shadow-Check Panama, \$28.50

Two shades of gray and brown; misses' and women's sizes. Tight-fitting 26-inch Coat, lined with taffeta, vestee of striped silk; plaited and stitched skirt. Strictly tailor-made suit.

Chiffon Panama Suits, Eton style, \$29.50

Plain colors of blue and black, and decidedly handsome suits. The coat is lined with taffeta; collar trimmed with fancy silk braid and taffeta; straps over the shoulders, front and back piped with black taffeta.

New Spring Skirts, \$4.98

Big Value.

Solid gray and black Panama. Box plaited side, front and back; tailored straps between plaits, with buttons to match. Cut generously full, all lengths carefully tailored. Best value in this class of skirt we have ever shown for \$1.08.

Huck Towels: Six Big Values.

\$1 \$1.35 \$1.50 \$2.25 \$2.50 \$3 dozen

Hotel and boarding-house keepers had better anticipate their wants for spring, as it's an assured fact that prices will be much higher.

Mill prices to-day are already close to our present retail figures.

Bed Pillows, \$1 pair.

Full line of these pillows filled with good, clean feathers and covered with bed ticking.

Other Pillows \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 up to \$6 pair, the higher price pillows filled with goose feathers.

Madras and Snowflake Portieres.

New patterns and you'll be surprised to find how pretty they are even as low as 75c a pair.

Full length and width—fresh, graceful-looking hangings for spring. A dozen different prices, between 75c and \$5.

Miller & Rhoads

Free Lessons in Embroidery

Daily between 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. and 2:30 P. M. and 5 P. M. Particulars as to entering classes may be had upon application in the Art Needle-work Department.

New Dress Goods, Silks, Laces and Trimmings

Spring is sending out its heralds in the shape of mild, sunshiny days, despite occasional snow and wintry winds.

Bear in mind that the Eastertide is the last of March, and dressmakers require time in which to do their best work.

We've done our work well in providing the handsomest assortment of Dress Goods, Silks, Laces, Trimmings, etc., that has ever entered the house. By shopping now you'll have the pick of the choice things—the novelties that once gone cannot be duplicated; nor do we wish to duplicate them, as we pride ourselves on the exclusiveness of the fabrics shown in this store.

Stylish Dress Goods

Voile Ninons, 60c yard.
Bergere Tissues, 60c yard.
Checked Marquisesettes, 60c yard.

Henley Panama Suitings, 54 inches wide, 60c yard.
All-wool Albatross, 30c yard.
All-wool Voile, yard wide, 30c yard.

Gray Worsted Suitings, 45 inches wide, 48c yard.
Crepe de Paris, 40 inches wide, 50c yard.
Vigoreaux Batiste, 75c yard.
Light Color Suitings, \$1 yard.

Handsome Silks

Checked Louisines, 50c yard.
Striped Taffetas, 50c yard.
Shantung Pongees, 75c yard.
Novelty Silks, 75c to \$1.50 yard.

Novelty Satin Stripe Taffetas, 80c yard.
Black Taffetas, 26 inches wide, 75c yard.
Belleme de Luxe, 30c yard.
French Belleme, 30c yard.
Crepe de Chine, 50c to \$1.25 yard.

Satin Striped Chiffons, \$1.50 yard.
Calcium Silks, \$1.50.

New Laces

Medallions in all shapes, Motifs and Festoons, Lace Bands, Applique Galloons, Dress Nets, La Tosen and Fillet Nets, Chantilly Nets, Point de Paris and Torchon Laces.

Prices range from the narrow Torchons at 5c yard up to the Motifs and Festoons at \$7.50 yard.

New Dress Trimmings

Soulache Braids, Diamond Pull Braids, Persian Bandings, Silk Appliques, fancy separable Braids, Galloons, Spangles, etc.

New Draperies.

Silkolene, Satteen, Art Ticking and Denim.

New and exclusive patterns—just as pretty as they can be. You can have the most attractive window draperies, couch draperies and portieres at a comparatively inexpensive figure.

8c, 12c, 15c, 19c, up to 30c yd

Silk Petticoats,

Black and \$4.98 Colors,



\$4.98

Scores of people have asked us about these Petticoats—eager to know when we'd have a new supply.

Best value in a Silk Under-skirt at \$4.98 that's ever been shown here.

The picture shows the style of the garment exactly. Extra sizes, in black only, are \$5.98.

12,000 Yards of New Embroideries 1-3 Under Price

Window Display Broad Street

Insertions, Flouncings, Galloons, Bands and Corset Cover Embroideries, 2 to 24 inches wide. Nainsook, Swiss, Organdie, Batiste and Cambric—new and beautiful patterns—sample lots of a big importer, for which he had no further use.

Our Embroidery buyer went to New York last week on the hunt for bargains like these.

LOT 1.	LOT 2.	LOT 3.	LOT 4.	LOT 5.
Cambric insertions and edges, 1 1/2 to 4 inches wide; few Swisses in the lot; 8c value.	Swiss and Nainsook embroideries and insertions; many widths and patterns; 10c value.	Cambric and Swiss All-overs for yokes, tub hats, etc.; very pretty; 60c value.	Edges and insertions in Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric, for lingerie work; 14c value.	Fine beadings, edges and insertions, Swiss and Nainsook; pretty designs, 17 1/2c value.
5c yd	7c yd	50c yd	10c yd	12 1/2c yd
LOT 6.	LOT 7.	LOT 8.	LOT 9.	LOT 10.
Hand-loom edges, insertions and beadings; nearly all match sets; 21c value.	Insertions and embroidered hemstitched effects for collar and cuff sets; 25c value.	Flouncings in hand-loom patterns, neat and substantial work; 33c value.	Bands, flouncings, insertions, beadings and edges; 50c value.	Match sets and flouncings, corset covers and bands, 5 to 15 inches wide; 60c value.
15c yd	19c yd	25c yd	39c yd	50c yd
LOT 11.	LOT 12.	LOT 13.	LOT 14.	LOT 15.
Skirtings, bandings and 24-inch All-overs, beautiful patterns; \$1 value.	Wide flouncings, corset covers, skirtings and Swiss All-overs for yokes, baby hats, etc.; \$1.25 value, for	30 pieces fine Swiss and Nainsook All-overs; \$1.39 value, for	Good patterns in small baby designs for children's dresses and yokes; \$1.75 value.	Beautiful neat and open-work styles in All-overs, Swiss and batiste; \$2 values.
89c yd	98c yd	\$1.25	\$1.39 yd	\$1.50 yd

Fine Shirting Madras, 25c yd.

White Mercerized Madras, with black, blue and red stripes, plaids and neat figures.

New goods, and some of the best fabrics for men's fine shirts that we've ever shown, at 25c yard.

(Basement.)

Pebbled Etamine Voiles, 12 1/2c yd.

All cotton, but the most beautiful spring and summer dress fabrics you ever looked at for such a small price.

Fine sheer goods, in plain colors of black, brown, garnet, green and navy, through which run a snowflake effect.

(Wash Goods Department.)

Wedding Gifts of Quadruple Plate and Sterling Silver, Cut Glass and Bric-a-Brac

One man put it clearly and concisely when he said, "You naturally think of Miller & Rhoads' departments when you think of the above named articles."

The Silverware and Cut Glass are the products of the best American factories, while the bric-a-brac comes from all over the world.

Thousands of pieces here—each one selected for its individual worth and beauty.

It's wonderful how much can be purchased for so little. Sterling Silver Articles, such as Spoons and Forks of various kinds, as low as \$1.

Cut Glass articles from 17c upwards. Handsome Vases lower in price than you'd ever expect to see them.

The departments are complete in every respect, and you'll miss a treat by not looking through them frequently.

Chiffon Lisse: French Cotton Voiles, 25c yd

Beauties they are, too. Our first shipment has just arrived.

Checks and plaids, in pink and white, Nile and white, black and white, blue and white and heliotrope and white, 25c yard.

(Wash Goods Department.)

Cotton Sheets and Pillow Cases

At Less Than Wholesale Prices.

Both raw cotton and the manufactured product still advancing in price.

Every Sheet and Pillow Case we have in stock to-day is lower in price than we can sell the same article when reordered.

Anticipate your spring wants and purchase to-morrow.

Long Cloth {From King} \$1.25, \$1.59 {Philip Mills} \$1.75 piece

The "King Philip" stamp on a piece of Long Cloth guarantees the perfect quality of the goods.

The grades we name have all advanced in price, and our reorders will cost us at least as much as our present retail prices.

Twelve yards in each piece.

No. 100 is \$1.25 No. 200 is \$1.59 No. 300 is \$1.75

New Models in Corsets

To insure perfection in the fit of your new gown or ready-to-wear suit, it is absolutely necessary to be fitted over a first-class Corset.

Our new Corsets for spring, 1907, will meet this demand in every particular.

The latest imported and domestic models are here—many of them on exhibition in the Broad Street windows. FASSO, REDFERN, WARNER, W. B., LA VIDA NEMO, P. N., C. B., R. & G.—all the leading makes represented here—all sizes.

Through the livelong day, While the clucking of its wheel Wears the weary hours away.

But they don't bring the meal to town. The town-raised person's taste is too vitiated to appreciate it. When he gets cornbread at all, it is the roller-mill product, which suggests the idea of sandier breakfast food to a Dattle Creek Yankee. The right sort of cornbread is made from meal ground on a slow-running water mill from corn

that has been well dried, the little end of the ear shelled off for the chickens or pigs, the rotten grains carefully eliminated and the corn run through a fan mill.

Before being made into bread the meal is sifted through a wire sieve, or after the meshes of which are not too fine. Then if good bread is not produced it is the fault of the cook. The use of sugar in making any form of cornbread should be made a felony. There is as much difference between bread from properly ground meal and the common meal of

commerce as there is between a Smithfield ham and a packing-house ham.

Eels for Illumination.
A company to market eels to be burned instead of gas or lamps is being formed at Newton, Sussex county, N. J., it is reported. The promoters swear they have "the electric eel" beaten by several candle power. At least 20,000 eels, from six inches to three feet long, are instantly available. All that need be done is to pluck

them out of the mud on the banks of the banks of the Paulus Kill, while they are standing on their tails.

A big iron tank, full of petroleum and acids, which had been in use at the old Newton gasworks, was dumped into a stream tributary to the Kill. The liquid, which was as thick as molasses in winter, slowly percolated in the Kill, quickly it poisoned all the fish and thousands of them were found dead floating on or near the shore. But the eels were tougher. Soaked with the oil and acids, but trying to escape

they burrowed into the soft mud of the banks.

Then came a hard freeze, and recently a thaw. It left the 20,000 eels, preserved by the cold and the acids, saturated with petroleum, a little forest of natural candles waiting to be lighted.

At least that is what the prospectus of the "Eel Illuminating company" states. It will add:

"Already many families in the suburbs of Newton are using the luminous eel for household purposes."—New York World.

SURVEY TO BE MADE FOR FOREST RESERVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—When the Senate resumed consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill to-day, the provision for a survey of the proposed White Mountain and Appalachian forest reserve for which \$25,000 is provided was agreed to without argument.